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SUBJECT: RENEGOTIATION OF BILATERAL SHRIMP FISHING AGREEMENT

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1. SUMMARY: GOB PREPARED COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS

FEBRUARY 3 10:00 A.M. BUT WILL FURTHER REVIEW DESIRABILITY OF
MEETING OF SCIENTISTS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON JANUARY 16, PURSUANT REFTL (B), ECON COUNSELOR

DISCUSSED ARRANGEMENT BILATERAL SHRIMP FISHING NEGOTIATIONS
WITH MINISTER SERGIO GUARISHI BATH, NEAD FONOFF
BASIC PRODUCTS DIVISION.

3. BATH SAID GOB WAS PREPARED TO START NEGOTIATIONS

MONDAY AM FEBRUARY 3. FONOFF SECRETARY GENERAL WILL
MEET WITH DELEGATION AT 10:00 AM. FONOFF WISHES TO HOST
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LUNCHEON THAT DAY. BATH WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF BRAZILIAN

DELEGATION WHICH WILL INCLUDE SOME 7-8 BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS FROM MINISTRY OF NAVY, SUDEPE, AND FONOFF. GOB DELEGATION WOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET DAILY MORNING AND AFTERNOON (10:00 AND 3:00 PM) FOR NEGOTIATING SESSIONS.

4. CONSELOR NOTED THAT WHILE HE DID NOT WISH ANTICIPATE NEGOTIATING SESSIONS, HIS PERSONAL IMPRESSION WAS THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE DIFFICULT SINCE GOB POSITION SEEMED TO ANTICIPATE LOS CONFERENCE RESULTS. BATH, IN LENGTHY EXPOSITION BRASILIAN VIEW, SAID GOB WAS INTERESTED IN PRACTICAL ECONOMIC RESULTS RATHER THAN FORMAL US ACCEPTANCE BRAZILIAN VIEWS ON LAW-OF-THE-SEA. COUNSELOR SAID HE DID NOT THINK THIS WOULD OBTAIN DIFFICULTIES. DISCUSSION PRESERVED GOOD ATMOSPHERE; BATH IS TRYING TO ACHIEVE PRACTICAL RESULTS FOR BRAZIL WITH A MINIMUM OF BROADER POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS.

5. RE MEETING OF SCIENTISTS, COUNSELOR MADE PRESENTATION ALONG LINES PARA 2, REFTEL B. BATH SAID GOB WAS NOT OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE BUT REMAINED UNCONVINCED RELEVANCE OF SCIENTISTS' DISCUSSION TO THE NEGOTIATIONS. HE RECALLED THAT IN LAST ROUND NEGOTIATORS HAD TO MAKE ARBITRARY ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT FISHING RESOURCES; HE SAW NO EVIDENCE THAT DATA BASE HAD IMPROVED SUFFICIENTLY TO PRODUCE AUTHORITATIVE ESTIMATES; EVEN IF IT COULD, THIS WOULD NOT AFFECT GOB'S CONCEPT OF A PHASE-DOWN. HOWEVER, HE PROMISED TO SUBMIT QUESTION ANEW TO FONOFF SEC GEN.

6. GOB NEGOTIATING WITH BARBADOS WEEK OF JANUARY 20, FOLLOWED BY NEGOTIATIONS WITH TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PRIOR TO US-BRASILIAN NEGOTIATION.

7. EMBASSY IS TRANSMITTING VIA CLASSIFIED POUCH, TEXT OF DRAFT MODEL AGREEMENT SUPPLIED BY FONOFF. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT SENT VIA SEPTTEL.
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